

January 14th ; St. Basil, Circumcision of Christ, Sunday before Theophany

Tone 7 Tropar (Resurrection)

By Your Cross You destroyed death. / To the thief You opened Paradise. / For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. / And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, / to proclaim that You are risen, // granting the world great mercy.

Tone 1 Tropar (of the Feast)

Enthroned on high with the Eternal Father and Your Divine Spirit, / O Jesus, You willed to be born on earth of the unwedded handmaid, your Mother. / Therefore You were circumcised as an eight-day-old Child. / Glory to Your most gracious counsel; / glory to Your dispensation; // glory to Your condescension, O only Lover of mankind!

Tone 1 Tropar (to St Basil)

Your proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / which was divinely taught by hearing your voice. / You expounded the nature of creatures / and ennobled the manners of men. / Venerable Father of royal priesthood, // entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Tone 4 Kondak (to St Basil)

You were revealed as the sure foundation of the Church, / granting all mankind a lordship which cannot be taken away, // sealing it with your precepts, O venerable Basil, revealer of heaven.

Tone 3 Kondak (of the Feast)

The Lord of all accepts to be circumcised, / thus, as He is good, He excises the sins of mortal men. / Today He grants the world salvation, / while light-bearing Basil, high priest of our Creator, // rejoices in heaven as a divine initiate of Christ.

Prokimen Tone 6 (Sunday before Theophany; Psalm 27:9,1)

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

v: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Second Prokimen Tone 1 (St Basil; Psalm 48:3)

My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8 (Sunday before Theophany)
Colossians 2:8-12 (Circumcision)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalm 66:1-2; 79:1)

v: O God, be bountiful to us and bless us, show the light of Your countenance upon us, and have mercy on us!

v. Give ear, O shepherd of Israel, You Who lead Joseph like a flock.

Gospel Mark 1:1-8 (Sunday before Theophany)
Luke 2:20-21, 40-52 (Circumcision)

(Instead of "It is truly meet ..." we sing the following)

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: / the assembly of Angels and the race of men. / O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, / the glory of virgins, / from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – / our God before the ages. / He made your body into a throne, / and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. / All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. // Glory to you!

Communion Hymns (Psalm 148:1, 11:6b-7a)

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*** Please join us for coffee (AND MEAT!) and fellowship after the service! ***

Upcoming Services

Sunday	1/14	9AM	Divine Liturgy of St. Basil; Spiritually Speaking
Thursday	1/18	9AM	Royal Hours for Theophany
		10AM	Vesperal Liturgy for Theophany
		7PM	Great Compline of Theophany & Blessing H2O
Friday	1/19	10AM	Theophany Liturgy & Blessing of Water
Saturday	1/20	4PM	NO VIGIL (Fr. A is traveling for seminary)

Parish News and Events

Our next Wine Tasting will be on 1/27. It will feature red wines (paired with culinary delights designed to match them) and the expert descriptions of our own John Maly!

Dear Parishioners: the **Food Drive** will be ongoing thorough February 4, 2018 which is also the date of the **Super Bowl of Caring**. Please contribute to these great events with your donations of non perishable food items and Contribution of your favorite soup to support this great cause.

Our next **Parish Board Meeting:** Monday, 1/15 @6:30PM.

Our **St Mary's Seniors** next meeting is 2/5 at 12:30PM.

The **St. Michael Men's Group** meeting Monday 1/15 at 6PM.

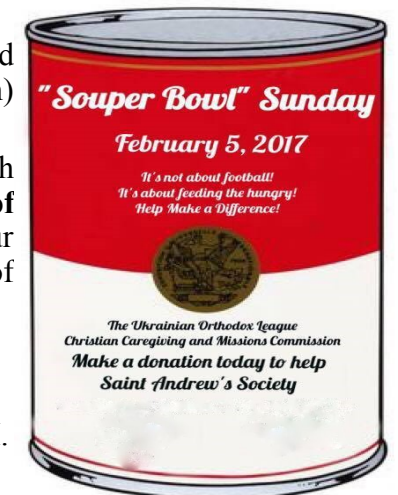
St. Mary Dancers: rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6:30-8PM.

The Grief Support Group: 6:30PM on Tuesdays downstairs. See Joe Truchan for details.

Reader Schedule: 1/14 Richard Bodnar; 1/21 Robin Bodnar. 1/28 Dennis Ritter

Greeter Schedule: 11/14 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka; 1/21 PM Tina Perkins; 1/28 Eleanor Fox

*** Let Fr. Anthony know if you would like to be added to the Reader &/or Greeter schedule! ***



Welcome to the God-loving and God-protected Orthodox Christian parish of *Pokrova* (“St. Mary Protection of the Holy Theotokos” or “St. Mary’s”)!

It is a blessing to have you with us today and we encourage you to come back as often as you are able. Like us, you may find that you have found your spiritual home here (and a wonderful home, it is)!

We are a parish of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA under the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople and our doors and hearts are open to you, your family, and your friends!

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